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In sincere appreciation for his openminded and understanding approach to student problems, for his leadership in furthering Semitic studies in the College, for his liberal and sympathetic teaching, and for his willing cooperation and friendly guidance at all times,

WE RESPECTFULLY DEDICATE THIS VOLUME

FOREWORD

The Editors have attempted to instill into the pages of this Masmid some of the spirit which is Yeshiva's. By this written and pictorial record of life at the College, of its students and faculty, of its activities and organizations, we have sought to portray what Yeshiva College really represents. This issue it is hoped will aid in preserving memories of college life which should not be forgotten. If it reflects even to a small degree the growth of the College, the increase in student spirit, and the accomplishments of our students, it has fulfilled its purpose. Our attempt, however, will inevitably be a failure unless the reader himself tries to relive in his own mind some of these experiences connected with his stay at Yeshiva.

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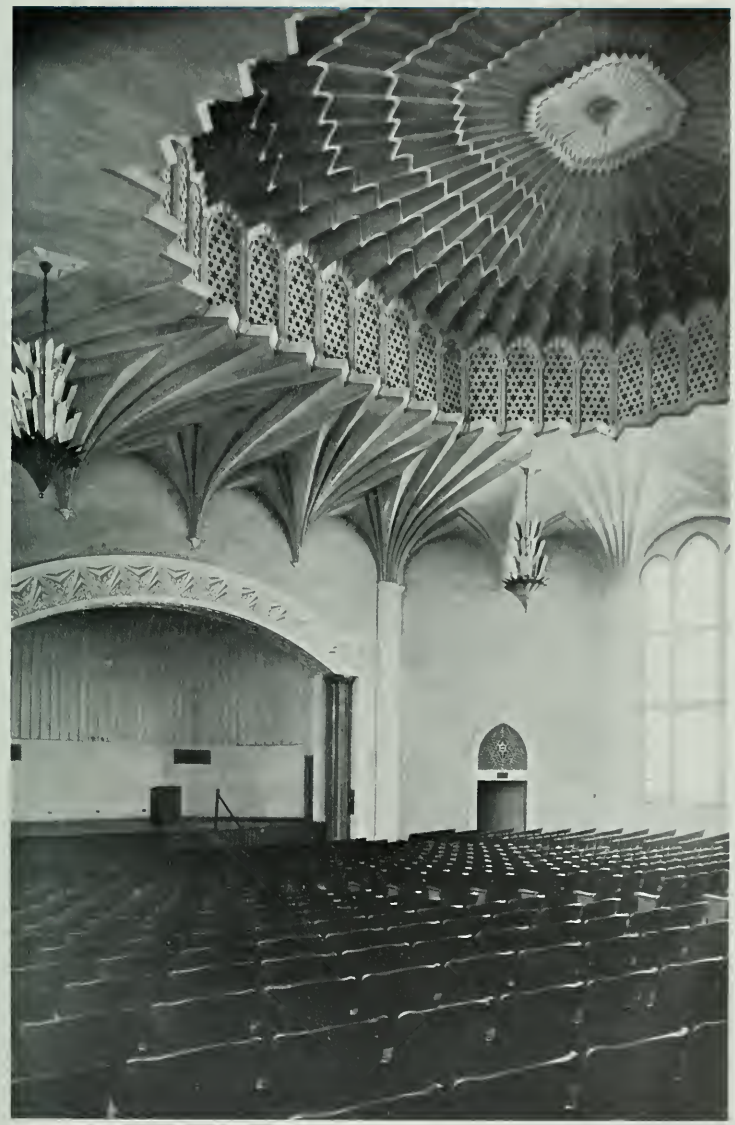

MAIN ENTRANCE

EIGHT YEARS OF YESHIVA

The idea of a college such as Yeshiva—a college of liberal arts and sciences under Jewish auspices and in a Jewish atmosphere—has existed in America since far back in the last century, but only in the decade of the twenties did this dream achieve a permanent actualization with the founding of Yeshiva College.

Yeshiva's Theological Seminary has been preparing its students for the rabbinate since the closing years of the last century. These men, however, felt a pressing need for training in secular as well as in religious fields, and expressed this desire as early as nineteen hundred six, when they petitioned the Board of Directors for the institution of English courses. It was not until almost ten years later, however, that the first step toward making such study possible was taken.

The opening of the high school in nineteen hundred fifteen took care of the educational needs of the younger students, and at its first graduation Dr. Revel, president of the Rabbinical Seminary, suggested the necessity for a college of liberal arts and sciences that would enable Yeshiva men to complete their secular education simultaneously with their rabbinical studies.

There was but little encouragement forthcoming from the ranks of Jewry in support of such an idea. Peter Wiernik and Rabbi M. S. Margolis were its staunchest supporters; others saw too clearly the difficulties, and were unwilling to offer positive assistance. Yet the notion refused to die; it was treasured in the minds of a few, persisted, and finally began to spread and to be seriously considered by American Jewry.

Chanukah of nineteen twenty-four marks the first practical step toward the founding of the College. At a banquet held at the Hotel Astor some one hundred twenty-five New York Jews, prominent among whom were Nathan Lamport, Harry Fischel, Samuel Levy, and Otto A. Rosalsky, pledged a total of a million dollars toward the college building fund.

The initial impetus provided, events followed rapidly. In May of the following year, a second dinner was arranged—the now famous Million Dollar Dinner—on which occasion twelve hundred men and women each paid a thousand dollar cover charge for the privilege of attending. It was at this glittering and most brilliant affair that the second million was subscribed to the fund.

Then the Building Committee, which included Harry Fischel, Meyer Vessell, and Harris L. Selig, went to work in earnest. It acquired the two and a half square blocks on Amsterdam Avenue where the College now stands, and on Sunday, May 1, 1927, a gathering of more than ten thousand people crowded the grandstands to witness the laying of the cornerstone for the first group of College buildings.

The structures erected harmoniously combine striking features of early Byzantine, Moorish, and Gothic architecture, and include the Dormitory, Auditorium, and School buildings. The first of these includes apartments for its supervisors, social and recreation rooms, the dining hall, and the infirmary, and accomodates two hundred fifteen students. The Auditorium Building includes a most striking three story auditorium which seats nearly fifteen hundred people, a gymnasium in its basement, and art and science rooms on the fourth floor. The school building houses the Main Library, as well as several departmental libraries, the executive and administrative offices, the synagogue, study hall, the large Science Lecture Hall, biology, physics, and chemistry laboratories, and class and conference rooms.

It was not until December 9, 1928, that this group of buildings was dedicated.

AUDITORIUM BUILDING

GYMNASIUM

in the presence of thousands of spectators and with representatives of thirty colleges and universities assisting in the ceremonies. That date is a memorable one for the students of Yeshiva and the Jews of America.

The pioneering students began their work in September of nineteen twenty-eight. Thirty men, gathered from seven states, met their instructors at the West Side Jewish Center on Eighty-sixth Street, where classes were conducted for some months. On December ninth, after the dedication ceremonies were over, the student body and its faculty of sixteen members moved into the newly completed College quarters. The first President of the faculty, who has occupied that position since the founding of the College, is Dr. Bernard Revel. Dr. Shelley R. Safir was appointed secretary of the faculty, and later became Dean of the College. These leaders lent their greatest efforts to the growth and perpetuation of the new institution. Some of the original members of the faculty—Dr. Drachman, Prof. Ginsburg, Mr. Hurwitz, Prof. Isaacs, Prof. Mead, and Prof. Rhodes—are still with us, and their inspiration has still the zestful vigor of eight years ago.

For the first two years, the curriculum was limited in scope. Choice of courses was hardly possible, for the groups were small and the work was for the most part prescribed. It was not until the third year that there were a number of elective courses opened, particularly to juniors. Since that time, the curriculum has been constantly and progressively broadened in the number and variety of courses. Concomitantly with the growth in numbers of the student body—from fifty-two in 1930 and one hundred two in 1932, to one hundred forty-nine in 1934 and two hundred thirteen in 1936—has come a increase both in the faculty and the number of courses offered by its members. There were but nineteen members of the faculty in 1931, and a startling increase to twenty-nine in 1932. 1935, however, claimed thirty-seven, and we can now boast of a faculty of fifty members.

Curricular changes have occurred in two directions. In the first place, the departments already in existence have been expanded to offer more detailed and intensified study in their respective fields—in the social sciences, in art, in music, and scientific and pre-medical studies. Secondly, new departments have been opened, most important of which is the College's Hebrew Department. This is

the first time a formal section for Hebrew studies has been opened in the College, all of whose men had previously carried on their Hebrew work in either the Teachers Institute or the Rabbinical Seminary. With the inclusion not only of intermediate courses in Bible and History but also of advanced classes in Hebrew Literature and Philosophy, we have the material of tradition and the problems of religion offered side by side and in the light of contemporary conditions, bespeaking the filling of a long and keenly felt need of the modern Jewish student.

Activities of an extra-curricular nature have come to play an increasingly larger part in the life of the student at Yeshiva. The fifty-two students of the first two years were feeling their way along these lines, but confined themselves to more informal types of activity bcause of the limited number of students in the College. Their collective endeavors, not neglected completely, produced each year an Executive Council and a Masmid, and paved the path to be tread by future classes.

The year 1930-1931 was an important one in the development of extra-curricular activities. Student Council had now become the central organization sponsoring student activities, and was recognized by the administrative authorities as the official representative and voice of the students. This year saw the beginning of intercollegiate debating and the founding of the College's Student Library. For the first time, also, extra-mural athletics made their appearance, and a baseball and basketball team entered competition. Intra-mural games in both these sports were also carried on, and everyone was accorded the opportunity to indulge in some type of physical recreation.

Student spirit was not very strong during those early years and it was not until 1933-1934 that we discover evidence of a real awakening. Its old constitution having been discarded with the rise of new conditions, Student Council proceeded to adopt another and more flexible one. Under this new constitution, the stimulation of interest and activity went on apace. The Chess Club successfully entered intercollegiate competition. The International Relations Club and the Glee Club were founded. Debating bcame more important, while all other activities continued a steady growth in strength and popularity.

All this development, however, merely presaged the tremendous boom in

RECREATION ROOM

every direction and in every activity which occurred during the next year, 1934-35. For the first time there appeared a student newspaper, integrating and expressing student opinion. The student body became more highly organized through the efforts of a progressive Student Council administration, and more articulate through the medium of the Commentator. It evinced a greater interest in current social and Jewish problems, and the policies formulated in the Commentator provoked considerable comment in Jewish and literary circles. The formation of a Concert Bureau, Cooperative Store, Loan Fund, Employment Bureau, Art Club, Dramatic Society, Math Club, and Health Club, the organization of Student Forums and of the Mizrachi Youth organization, the addition of tennis and indoor baseball to the list of officially conducted sports—cap a seven year period of development, and symbolize the existence of a new and vigorous spirit among Yeshiva men.

The activities of the present year, toward the close of which this history is being written, have tended in the main toward the consolidation and expansion of what has been already accomplished. The pages to come are devoted to a chronicle of this period, and they express most vividly the life of our school and of its students. The history of Yeshiva is still in the making, and we can hardly attempt at the present time any evaluation of our own accomplishments. We must rather wait till we may view them from the perspective of years.

Yeshiva has conceived it a primary duty to make its contribution to general cultural progress and adult education. The Scripta Mathematica, which made its first appearance in 1932, is the first in a series of scholarly journals planned by the College. The year 1935 is memorable for the impressive series of lectures delivered in conjunction with the Maimonides Octo-Centennial, when the rostrum of our auditorium was occupied by such celebrated Jewish men of letters as President Revel of Yeshiva, Professor Harry A. Wolfson of Harvard, and Professor Alexander Litman and Dr. David I. Macht of Yeshiva's faculty. In the fall of nineteen thirty-five and through the first part of this year, several series of lectures on subjects of general and Jewish interest, as well as a number of extension courses in collaboration with Young Israel, were conducted in the Metropolitan area by prominent members of the Yeshiva College faculty, achieving worth-while success and inspiring widespread response from both Jewish and non-Jewish circles.

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CLASSES

CLASS OF '37

CLASS OF '38

CLASS OF '39

SENIORS

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

It was in September, 1932 that the present Senior Class began its college days. Forty enthusiastic youngsters, we registered for our first courses. To more than half of the class the surroundings were familiar and the environment not at all new; the others, newcomers from various high schools and strangers from distant states soon grew at home in their new surroundings and were one by one admitted into what came to be known later as the society of "the Boys."

Yet ere the strangers had had time to become acclimated to New York ways and ere the newcomers had really become acquainted with Yeshiva life, the urge for organization, already apparent in those days, grew strong and in one of the most tumultuous and exciting of class elections, Jacob Karsh was chosen president and William Kaufman was elected vice-president.

Back in 1932 when social life at the college was almost nil and extra-curricular activities hadn't yet come into vogue, the classes were the source both of torment and of joy. As Freshmen, we were already introduced into the realm of infinity and told that for everything we do we receive credit—even "negative credit." The "Duke Landman to Rabbi Cohen" relationship, the careful enunciation demanded by "Erastus" Palmer, and the welter of oratorical discord which began with Dr. Damon were all highlights for the beginners.

The big event of the year was the march down to Madison Square Garden to protest against Germany's anti-Jewish program. Two of our boys carried the huge Yeshiva college banner, and we led the parade of all the other colleges.

The Sophomore year, voted by the present Seniors as their most difficult one, brought with it besides such ordeals as Sunday night lab periods and memorization of four lines, many joys as well. The chemistry class became the Mecca of all types of discussions from politics to sports. And the class periods not to be outdone proved a constant source of diversion with the anti-Schmerler tirades. And what with the corridor formation of "Schmerler to Muss" and back, midnight lectures during pre-exam days, and experiments which "always worked," Chem became the haven of even the most philosophical.

It was in this year that the history boys brought the Duke down from his castle and made him mingle with his vassals. Of course, it took more than one brand of chewing gum, but that proletarian revolt staged by Leader Kasten against the quota of seven books was remuneration enough.

The political horizon was quieter somewhat this year. Leo J. Usdan and Lou Muss were elected president and vice-president respectively. In addition the Sophomores began to take an active interest in school affairs. Usdan became Head Librarian of the college library and business manager of the Masmid. Noveck broke into intercollegiate debating; Feuerstein became secretary of the Council; Kasten began his position as Athletic Manager; Theodore Adams organized the choral society; and Shamai gained fame by his note taking powers.

With the coming of the Junior year the class found itself divided for the first time. Some began to take more courses in government and history while others stuck to chemistry and physics and clamored for more sciences. However, all of us met in philosophy, psychology, and ethics.

We were introduced for the first time to Dr. Litman and the realm of the Universal. Here we received "stuff" which has since served us in good stead. Dr. Litman, many times elected most popular faculty member, soon inaugurated each of us as "one of the boys." Dr. Jung, gentleman of the faculty, gave us Social Ethics, a new view on Judaism, and one and three-quarter minutes per question.

An ode should be written to the all night sessions of the boys in Quantitative Analysis. The hours during which the precipitates filtered were whiled away listening to the radio and munching sandwiches provided for the occasion.

Politically speaking, Kaufman and Feuerstein maintained their hegemony. Kasten and Usdan continued as Athletic and Library dictators. And Werb got himself elected secretary of the school. Bernie Lander began his connection with the Mizrachi. Poupko became a chess stalwart. Noveck was elected president of the International Relations Club. Greenberg made everyone about the school drama and concert conscious with his fine work on the Concert Bureau. And Zolt started the Coöp on its way.

The Junior year saw the birth of the Commentator. Feuerstein with Feigon and Kaufman assisting soon made things much more lively and interesting about the school.

Last year the class had its first social affair—a dance at the Peter Stuyvesant Hotel—and we lost money.

Credit should be given to the thirty-two honest Juniors for having attempted to introduce the Honor System. Too bad so many upper classmen hadn't taken Chemistry yet.

With the coming of the Senior year the Boys reached their Golden Age. After a heated campaign unprecedented in the annals of the college including the very generous flinging of epithets from all sides, Morris Dembowitz emerged as politician number one and president of the student body. Lou Muss came through without any difficulty as vice-president, and Simon Noveck, after many dire threats from certain strong men finally accepted the editorship. Werb continued as secretary, Usdan as Librarian, and Kasten as Athletic Manager. Iz Marine did valuable work with the curriculum committee, and Zolt continued to keep his eye peeled for business. Aronoff was again the mainstay of the basketball team, while Feuerstein kept things lively with the Commentator. Billy Kaufman came into his own as sports critic and Walter Winchell of the Yeshiva.

Bernard Lander started the social season in great style by arranging the spirited Poel Hamizrachi smoker. The big event of the season, however, was the Senior Prom at the Jewish Center. Climaxing the social season is the annual stag dinner given by the alumni in honor of the graduating class.

In athletics the Seniors functioned well as a group, emerging victorious in the second half of the basketball intramurals, but bowed to the Sophomores in the playoff.

It is too early to dote on our accomplishments. That we leave for Posterity. But as we graduate now, thirty-one of us, it is with a feeling of a job well done. The "Boys" have done their bit for Yeshiva.

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ACTIVITIES

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Message from Student Council President

BY MORRIS V. DEMBOWITZ

With the end of the academic year 1935, Yeshiva College passed its formative period as an institution of higher education and learning. At the same time, the extra-curricular activities of the Student Council also grew out of its embryonic stage. Last year's Student Council left behind the nuclei of a host of extra-curricular activities. In October, 1935 when the newly elected Student Council took office, it viewed as its goal, the consolidation, strengthening, and firm establishment of all the activities. Accepting this as its aim and goal, and being guided by its constitution which states that the existence and functioning of all extra-curricular activities and student services lie solely in the hands of the Student Council, it immediately set up the necessary machinery for the strengthening and expansion of all the existing activities and services.

Athletics, which were at one time very insignificant, have assumed a high position in the eyes of the student body. For the first time in the history of Yeshiva College the basketball Varsity entered into intercollegiate competition, playing only college Varsity teams. The Tennis team which had been organized last year also entered into intercollegiate competition this Spring. The intramural basketball and indoor baseball tournaments and the furnishing of a recreational Lounge Room have stimulated great interest among the students, in addition to providing them with those recreational opportunities which they so sorely need. The Student Library, by means of large appropriations from Student Council, has been able to expand its facilities by establishing a separate Reference Room which is open at all times, accommodating those students who would, of necessity, have to use the facilities of other institutions. The Student Loan Fund, by having its permanent capital increased, has been able to assist a greater number of students. The Employment Bureau has made new contacts this year which enable it to place more students in remunerative positions and firmly established itself for the future. With the aid of Student Council funds, the Student Co-operative has been able to expand and provide the undergraduate body with textbooks and other necessities at reduced prices. The Debating Society, Chess Team, Art Club, and the Maimonides Health Club have continued their fine work enabling the students to participate in instructive and creative extra-curricular activities. The International Relations Club has brought to Yeshiva outstanding men who have presented various viewpoints on pertinent subjects to the students of Yeshiva. The Glee Club conducted a contest for lyrics and music for a school song. The one chosen was voted the official college song by Student Council and was highly acclaimed by the students at a monthly assembly. The Dramatic Society which last year consisted of a mere handfull of students, with the financial aid of Student Council, presented this Spring its first performance. The Commentator, official undergraduate newspaper financed last year mainly by subsidy, emerged this year from its period of incubation not only in an enlarged form but also on a self-financing basis. This organ, through its sincere editorial policy has stimulated the necessary interest in the extra-curricular activities, raised fundamental issues which affected the student body, and led the fight for necessary changes and reforms in the institution.

The pages that follow give additional testimony to the splendid manner in which the Student Council has attained the goal it had set for itself. This goal would not have been accomplished had it not been for the whole-hearted co-operation of the student body. The various activities and services are so well established at present, that they will undoubtedly continue indefinitely to provide the student body with those recreational and yet instructive and creative facilities of which it is so greatly in need.

The Student Council realized that these diverse activities only provide the student with recreational opportunities, but fall short of acquainting him with the Jewish world, and with student problems. In order to acquaint the undergraduate with Jewish problems, interest was stimulated in the activities of the Poel Hamizrachi organization. Delegates were sent to the Middle-Atlantic Conference of the National Student Federation of America in order that the Council may become cognizant of the problems facing the students of America. The organization of a chapter of the American Student Union was encouraged in order to give the students a broad outlook on general world problems, such as war and Fascism and how to combat these two great evils. In order to awaken a greater interest and participation in extra-curricular activities and student services, the Council decided to award Yeshiva College Service Keys to all who participate in the activities.

Student Council, since its inception, has always devoted most of its time to the formation of extra-curricular activities. It is needless to recapitulate the fine work it has done in this direction. At no time did Student Council receive co-operation or advice from the Administration. Student leaders always went about their own work, forging ahead and creating new activities for the undergraduates. At the outset, the administration was aloof and never encouraged the plans of Student Council. Of late, however, the administration has tried to suppress the activities of students by censoring its newspapers and appointing members of the faculty, of its own choosing, to supervise student affairs. Fortunately for the college in general, and the student body in particular, this attempt to suppress student autonomy in student extra-curricular affairs failed.

At no time did either the Faculty or the Administration succeed in dictating to Student Council what it should or should not do. One might rightfully ask, is this a healthy situation? Should students be permitted to run extra-curricular activities without supervision? The fine manner in which Student Council has handled these activities under the guidance of its own leaders answers the question fully. The Faculty-Student Relations Committee, on which students and faculty are equally represented, discusses student affairs and problems in an informal manner giving constructive criticism, and suggesting the direction in which student activities should be expanded. This permits student leaders to take advantage of the experiences of our instructors without being dominated by them.

It is my opinion that the Faculty and Administration should pride themselves in the accomplishments of Student Council, and encourage it to continue its excellent work as an autonomous body. They should have full confidence in the student leaders and permit them to go about their work freely. Student leaders I am sure, will always feel their responsibility not only to the student body, but to the institution as a whole, and will never bring shame upon Yeshiva College.

THE MASMID

The history of the Masmid as an annual publication may be said to be a reflection of the growth and expansion of Yeshiva College during its eight years of existence.

The Masmid appeared for the first time in June 1929, under the editorship of A. Herbert Greenberg. It marked the close of the first year of academic study, and served exclusively as a medium of literary expression. Its thirty-two pages were taken up with short sketches and impressionistic descriptions culled from the contributions of the thirty-first-year men, and included, in addition, several faculty articles and a number of editorials. Only two pages were devoted to student activities—in the form of pictures of the Executive Council and the Board of Editors—for there existed little extra-curricular activity of a formal nature during that first year.

In the Masmid of 1930, which was also edited by A. Herbert Greenberg, there were some innovations of minor importance—the inclusion of feature articles and of a book review section—but for indications of a new tempo of life among the students themselves we must turn to the Masmid of 1931. Edited by Hugo Mantel, its pages reflect in their college news, in their athletic news, and in student president Hyman Muss' open message emphasizing the central position of Student Council in undergraduate activity, a student body awakening to the possibilities of college life.

June 1932 marked not only the first commencement at Yeshiva, but also the appearance of an enlarged Masmid under the editorship of Joseph Kaminetsky. From the eighty pages of this edition one became more and more aware of a growth in college activities and of a welcome increase in student spirit. In this issue and in the following ones, edited successively by Abraham S. Guterman, Aaron Kellner, and Louis Leifer, the space devoted to the students and their extra-curricular activities increased progressively each year. This perceptible growth of material which definitely belongs in a yearbook rather than in a literary magazine has made some change in the policy of the Masmid necessary.

The student administration of 1934-1935, the establishment of the Commentator, and the resultant stimulation of student interest left little doubt that Yeshiva was deserving of a yearbook that would effectively and completely record all the phases of student activity. As a result, the editors of this Masmid were confronted with a problem of considerable weight. The need for a yearbook was only too clear. Yet there were many among the student body who felt, and rightly so, that the college ought to continue to publish a literary magazine in the spirit of the name Masmid. After some consideration it was decided that the only expedient course for the present year was in the nature of a compromise—a combined year book and literary publication. As the work on the Masmid progressed, however, it became increasingly clear that to publish such an edition would, in view of the space necessary for the students and their activities, and in view of the lack of literary material on hand, inevitably relegate the literary division to a less important position. Rather than publish a literary edition which would be included only as a small division of a general yearbook and would not be deserving of the name Masmid, the Editors by a unanimous decision have decided that the most expedient course is to publish the Masmid in its present form as a college yearbook with the suggestion that henceforth, it be issued in two parts, the literary edition some time during the winter, and the yearbook at the end of the academic year.

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THE COMMENTATOR

Rounding into its second term of existence at the beginning of the fall semester, the Commentator proceeded to add to its history two more terms of a life packed with drama and suspense. Established for the free expression of student opinion, the Commentator, continuing in the active pursuance of this goal, earned both the antagonism and subsequently the grudging respect of the administration as well as the inspiring and overwhelming support of the student body. In line with the powerful undergraduate movement spreading throughout the colleges in America today, the underlying spirit of the Commentator consisted in a fundamental denial of the right of the administration to assume dictatorial powers in the government of the college and the formulation of its policies without any regard for the independent opinion of the faculty and particularly of the student body. Democracy inside as well as outside of the college was the goal of the Commentator. This publication together with other forces aided greatly in developing the realization that the prerogatives of the faculty as well as the student body could no longer be disregarded.

A great boon to the prestige of the Commentator this year was the inauguration of the Feuerstein Award for Journalism. This award is to be an annual one and will be presented upon the decision of the Governing Board to the most promising and active member of the staff. It was won this year by Leo Levin '39, who, though a freshman, showed outstanding ability and fine cooperation in his

work on the Commentator. But all honors for the liveliness of the Commentator this year go to Bill Kaufman, sports editor. His column, entitled **On the Sidelines,** earned the plaudits of the entire student body for its invariable wit and remarkable ability to merge the realm of philosophy with the world of sports. It was Bill who nearly upset "the order of the universe" in his gossip column **The Boys Say,** written under a pseudonym, while his latest column, **Meet the Seniors,** consisting of intimate and humorous tin-types of the Class of '36 left the school in chuckles as many a senior face assumed a suspiciously crimson color.

Another factor which has contributed to the growth of the publication is the financial success made by the business staff. Despite the fact that the business staffs of practically every other college newspaper are struggling desperately to mitigate the losses incurred during past years, the Commentator with an unusually small subsidy reached the end of the year not only without any loss but boasting a one hundred dollar profit. As a result, plans are being seriously considered to increase the publication of the Commentator from a semi-monthly paper to a weekly. This will of course necessitate a larger staff and additional quarters while the traditional all-night sessions at the printing plant in Englewood, N. J., on the eve of publication will be forced to give way to a more efficient arrangement.

Though four members of the initial Governing Board which brought the Commentator into existence and nursed it through its short and exciting career are leaving this year, the new Board, headed by Mordecai Gabriel, the outgoing Managing Editor, gives excellent promise that the policies of the Commentator will continue to exert a wholesome and constructive influence upon the development of the college.

DEBATING

Debating is without doubt the oldest and most successful among the extra-curricular activities of the college. The first intercollegiate debate held at Yeshiva dates back to December 1930, when the Yeshiva team met City College in its own auditorium and successfully argued the negative side of the resolution that "the several states adopt a system of compulsory unemployment insurance." Abe Guterman, Nathan Jacobson, and "Srully" Upbin made up the Yeshiva team at that time. Since then the college has debated several times each with City College, New York University, Brooklyn College, and Albany State Teachers College and has on all occasions been awarded the decision of the judges.

Active interest in debating was renewed in 1933 when Isadore Block was elected to the presidency of the newly formed Debating Society. In January 1934, Yeshiva College's varsity debated City College again on the question: "Resolved, that the essential features of the NIRA form a wise public policy." Speakers for Yeshiva were Arthur Rosenbaum, David Petegorsky, and Isaac Toubin. Later in the spring semester the varsity team, composed this time of Rosenbaum, Toubin and Simon Noveck, won a decision over New York University in a debate on the same resolution.

During 1935 the Yeshiva team, represented by Rosenbaum, Noveck and Theodore Adams, debated with Brooklyn College on the subject: "Resolved, that the manufacture of arms and munitions be nationalized by international agreement," the Yeshiva team upholding the affirmative side of the resolution. Shortly thereafter, the Yeshiva second team won a decision from the representatives of New York State Teachers College, of Albany. It is interesting to note that the second team upheld the negative side of the same question. Members of this team were: Boris Rabinowitz, Sidney Kleiman, and Wolfe Charney.

It was during 1935 that Yeshiva went on the air for the first time. Rosenbaum and Isadore Block, president of the Society, spoke for the Yeshiva against the representatives of City College, both of whom interestingly enough turned out to be former Yeshiva men.

Because of a difficulty in securing the services of a person both willing to assume the chairmanship of the society and capable of its direction, debating this year was slow in getting under way. With the coming of the second semester, S. Noveck, chairman of the Society, hurriedly arranged for a debate on February 20 with New York University of University Heights. Since there was no time for a preliminary contest to choose the speakers, the team was chosen from among those who had participated in intercollegiate debating in the past. Simon Noveck, Boris Rabinowitz, and Wofe Charney upheld the affirmative side of the resolution that "Congress be given the right to override decisions of the Supreme Court declaring acts of Congress unconstitutional." Messrs. Samuel Kramer and Benjamin Koenigsberg, acting as judges of the debate, awarded the decision to Yeshiva.

Interesting sidelights of the evening, aside from the formal discussion, were the informal talk given by Mr. Kramer on his personal experiences in arguing cases before the Supreme Court, and the reception given in honor of the visiting team and the guests who attended the debate.

On Friday, April 24, a preliminary contest was held for two debates arranged for the month of May with Brooklyn College and with John Marshall College of Law, of Jersey City. Dr. Damon, faculty adviser to the Society, chose Harold Polikoff, Seymour Kornfeld, and Samuel Prero to represent Yeshiva against Brooklyn College, and Boris Rabinowitz, Simon Noveck, and Benjamin Bernfeld to represent Yeshiva against John Marshall. At this writing, however, the dates for these debates are uncertain, unexpected postponements having been found necessary by the opposing teams.

The Debating Society, in conjunction with the Maimonides Health Club, sponsored a debate on the subject of socialized medicine in the beginning of April. Dr. W. Park Richardson, medical director at City College, Dr. Swick, head of the College Health Bureau, and Mr. J. Hartstein served as judges.

ART CLUB

The Yeshiva College Art Club entered its second year with great enthusiasm despite its decreased membership. Meeting every Tuesday evening under the guidance of Mr. Israel Renov, art instructor at Talmudical Academy, the group reorganized its program this year and placed special emphasis upon individual development. Every member is given the opportunity to express himself in the particular branch of the graphic arts in which he excels. Each enjoys the benefit of individual instruction in his own work. In consequence, interest in the Art Club has increased, the talents of its members have been developed, and the calibre of their work has consistently improved. Special interest is being shown in oil painting, clay modelling, and mechanical drawing.

As a result of the great progress made by the members of the club, plans are now under consideration for a public exhibition of the club's work, to be held under the auspices of the College Art Association, at which other colleges will be invited to display their work.

The Art Club has also undertaken the task of publicity for the various extra-curricular activities. The posters printed by the Art Club for the D.N.A., Library, Co-op Store, and other groups, have contributed in no small measure to the popularization of these activities.

Some of the most active members during the past year have been: Herbert Hurwitz, President; Robert Marmorstein, Vice-President; Albert Lewis, Secretary; Herzl Freed, Milton Shapiro, Charles Elkin, Milton Cooper, Nathan Lipschutz, Ben Bernfeld, Louis Satlow, Harry Zwick and Julius Dorfman.

CHESS TEAM

Interest in chess continued unabated this year. Participation in Intercollegiate Chess League competition, the election of Morris Poupko as Vice-President of the League, and the allotment to Yeshiva of a board in the correspondence match arranged between the United States and England—all served to maintain the interest in chess which has been apparent for the past few years. The chess team, composed of Morris Poupko, captain, and George Silver, veterans from last year, and Lawrence Charney and Milton Shapiro, yearling chessmen, succeeded in defeating Columbia and Seth Low in the Intercollegiate League competition, though handicapped by the lack of tournament experience. As this goes to press, the board allotted to the team in the international correspondence match has not yet been played.

The chess club published for solution in the Commentator for the first time a series of difficult chess problems, contributed to it by Professor Theodore Abel, of the department of Sociology. The publication of these problems was greeted by an unusual response.

Prospects for the next year appear unusually encouraging, since three members of this year's team, Silver, Shapiro, and Charney, will return to form the nucleus of a new organization. With these three as the basis upon which to build, and with the continued help of Professor Abel, the chess team hopes during the coming year to stimulate interest not only in intercollegiate competition, but also in informal matches among the students themselves.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

A year of intensive training and preparation culminated in the Dramatic Society's presentation of R. C. Sheriff's "Journey's End" on April 21. The quality of the performance justified the faith of those who hoped to see dramatics firmly established as an activity at Yeshiva.

The play which deals with the reactions of British youth to the conditions of trench life was interpreted in a realistic yet sympathetic manner by the cast. Wolfe Charney '37 acted as Captain Stanhope, Harold Polikoff '39 as Lieutenant Hibbert, Abraham Novick '37 as Lieutenant Trotter, Lester Silverman '37 as Lieutenant Raleigh, and Boris Rabinowitz '37, as Lieutenant Osborne.

The outstanding single performance was Polikoff's portrayal of Hibbert's neurotic reaction to the suspense of waiting for the slaughter. When Hibbert finally snapped under the strain and attempted to desert, the audience was so stirred by Polikoff's acting that it burst into spontaneous applause as he made his exit.. Boris Rabinowitz as the middle aged Osborne also succeeded in securing the sympathy of the spectators, especially in his dialogue with the errotic Captain Stanhope.

An element of comic relief was provided by Abraham Novick as Trotter, portly man of arms and gourmand par excellence. His unmistakable cockney and Aaron Kaplan's tragic difficulties with "onion tea," cutlets, and disinfecting pepper elicited peals of laughter from the audience.

The scenic effects were unusually impressive and were regarded by many as of professional calibre. This is an especially significant aspect of the Dramatic Society's success, since previous to the staging of "Journey's End," not even the most essential facilities of dramatic presentation were available. Even the curtain had to be secured by the society. The stage setting and the lighting were entirely the work of Mordecai Gabriel '37, Kalman Levitan '37, Owen Sielig, Lester Silverman '37, and Herzl Freed '39.

CO-OP STORE

Judging by its popularity with the student body, the student cooperative store is probably the most indispensable of all student activities. Since its establishment last year it has become the haunt for all student hubbub. Whether in search of stationery or of candy, whether for Commentator or Collegiate Digest, or even if the ultimate goal in nothing more than an opportunity for a rambling conversation, the Yeshiva student eventually lands in the Coöp Store.

Apart from its function as the clearing house for Yeshiva's verbosity, the store caters faithfully to the various demands of the student body. Largely by taking over the high school Coöp, the college store was able during the past year to expand and to introduce many novelties for its customers. The selection of candy and cigarettes has been enlarged. College stickers and banners as well as personal stationary with a personal monogram are now on sale,—all offers which have proved quite popular.

In addition, the Coöp Store was able to procure books for many students at greatly reduced rates. By now, contacts have been made with many of the largest publishing houses for this purpose.

This improvement and expansion of the Coöperative Store was made possible through the able management of Erwin Zolt and Isaiah Eisenberg. Lester Silverman has been chosen manager for next year and will be assisted by Lester Feuerstein and Emanuel Kaplan.

STUDENT LIBRARY

One of the most encouraging examples of student initiative during the formulative years of Yeshiva has been the growth and expansion of the college library. Established in 1931 as an extension of the Yeshiva library, the student college library contained at the start only textbooks needed in the various courses. Under the direction of Hyman Israel, the few volumes possessed by the library at this time were lent to the students for the entire semester.

In 1932, with Isaac Goldberg as Chief Librarian and Leo J. Usdan as Assistant Librarian, the student library moved into a small room on the fourth floor. Its circulation department remained open for only a few minutes each day. Because of these factors its service to the student body was of a very limited nature.

The following year Leo Usdan became Chief Librarian. A great deal of progress in expanding the library was made in that year. Many more volumes were added to its collection through the efforts of the staff. The library received several large gifts from members of the faculty and friends of Yeshiva College. A large percentage of the newly acquired books, however, were bought with funds obtained from student registration fees.

By 1934 the library had grown so rapidly that it was necessary for it to move from its limited quarters on the fourth floor to a more spacious home on the floor below. A reading and reference room was established for the convenience of the student body. With the assistance of Elihu Kasten and a sizable staff it was possible for the library to remain open from 2 P.M. until 6 P.M. The total circulation for the academic year increased three times over that of the previous year.

The chief contributions to the library during that year came from Professor Leo Jung of the Ethics department who donated to the library several valuable collections. Professors Ginsburg of the Mathematics Department, Rhodes of the French Department, and Liptzin of the German Department added to the rapidly growing total of books by presenting many fine volumes in their respective fields. In all, twenty-five hundred books were added to the now fair sized library's collection.

It is in the past year, however, that the greatest gains have been made. The library solely under student auspices has become an indispensable aid to the student body in its study and research. Perhaps the greatest innovation has been the new reference room. This department of the library is under the direction of Albert L. Lewis, and remains open from 2 P.M. to 10 P.M. every day during the school week.

The reorganized circulation department, with Herbert Hurwitz in charge, adopted the closed shelf system prevalent in all libraries of a similar nature. The inauguration of this system has played an important part in this year's 400% increase in circulation.

Over 4,000 books and pamphlets were added to the library during the current year. The chief source of these additions was the library of the late Peter Wiernik who willed his entire collection to the institution. Professors Jung and Ginsburg continued their activities as virtual faculty-g-d-fathers, by contributing their usual substantial annual number. A newcomer to Yeshiva's faculty, Mr. Moses I. Finkelstein of the History Department, aided by presenting several of the latest history texts and reference books, purchased with funds collected from students in his various classes.

The task of cataloguing and preparing for circulation these newly acquired volumes, and also those purchased with the $250.00 granted by Student Council, was under the direction of Robert Marmorstein.

Leo Usdan continued to work tirelessly in his capacity as Chief Librarian. Elihu Kasten, Assistant Chief Librarian, instructed and guided the Junior Librarians in their duties. In addition, Usdan and Kasten co-ordinated and supervised the work of both the circulation and reference departments. The college owes a debt of gratitude to Leo Usdan and his staff for their continued work in building the library into the position which it has now reached.

POEL HAMIZRACHI

The ideology of Torah Va'avodah is at Yeshiva no longer the monopoly of a limited group but a potent influence upon the outlook of many of our students. This situation is the result of the recent policy of the College chapter of Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious labor zionist organization, to stress its educational aims instead of formal organizational activities. Accordingly, Hapoel Hamizrachi has functioned this year not as a membership organization but rather as a source from which has been propagated the ideology and spirit of Torah Va'avodah.

The president of the group, Bernard Lander, and its other officers, took the first step towards the popularization of the organization by arranging a smoker to welcome the incoming Freshman class. Over a hundred students were present at the affair, and heard inspiring addresses by Dr. Churgin and Rabbi Wohlberg on the meaning and importance of Torah Va-avodah.

Hapoel Hamizrachi, as expounded by these two speakers, is comparable to the Mizrachi in its efforts toward the rebuilding of Eretz Yisroel in the spirit of the Torah. Torah to Poel Hamizrachi, however, connotes more than the purely religious laws which are emphasized by the program of the Mizrachi organization. Torah includes a complete set of rules governing the economic and social life of the Jewish commonwealth. In the Jewish homeland these rules and the general concept of society upon which they are based must be established and perpetuated.

The rousing reception accorded the guest speakers, and the enthusiastic response which was evoked by the smoker, was unprecedented in the history of Yeshiva. Not only was the spirit of the evening most intense, as indicated by the dancing and singing, but those present showed a profound interest in the problems and ideals presented to them. Even the oldest veterans, Louis Simsowitz and Joseph Kaminetsky, were completely carried away by the reigning spirit, and outdid themselves in their messages of encouragement to the assembled.

The initial affair was so successful that it was followed by a second and similar smoker, at which Rabbi Mirsky was the guest speaker. Because of examinations, activities then saw a temporary lull, but the period of inaction was a short one. Mr. Simsowitz's report on the Mizrachi convention, at which the question of Hapoel Hamizrachi assumed a major role, was the keynote for renewed work in the spring semester.

The outstanding event of the season was an address delivered at Yeshiva by S. Z. Shraggai, leader of Hapoel Hamizrachi in Eretz Yisroel. A large portion of the student body turned out to hear this authoritative and comprehensive outline of Torah Va'avodah in theory and practice. "Chaver" Shraggai began with the general philosophical background of Torah Va'avodah and discussed all its ramifications, including its bearing upon the actual policy of Hapoel Hamizrachi. His listeners then enjoyed the opportunity of having their varied questions and problems concerning Hapoel Hamizrachi answered.

AMERICAN STUDENT UNION

In line with the general growth of social consciousness among collegiate youth everywhere, a Yeshiva College chapter of the American Student Union was established this semester primarily through the efforts of Moses Feuerstein, Milton Shapiro, and Rubin Erdberg.

Formed in the early part of May, the group directed its energies toward work of a primarily organizational nature, and elicited a most enthusiastic response from the forty-odd men who at present comprise its membership. It is of considerable significance that merely as a result of organization, which is of course no more than an initial step, the membership of the chapter already includes approximately twenty per cent of the entire Yeshiva undergraduate body. So encouraging a response may justifiably be accepted as sufficient evidence for the expectation that this latest addition to extra-curricular activities will ultimately prove even more influential than many another group in the College.

Dedicated to the advancement of progressive economic and social policies, this new chapter of the American Student Union has not contented itself with the mere adoption of high-sounding phrases for its ideology, but has clearly defined and formulated its purposes. It has drawn up and publicized its program, and to the concretization of these ideals it is devoting all the means and energy at its command.

In assuming their role as active members of the Union, the individuals in this new Yeshiva chapter are united in the conviction that the greatest dangers to the well-being of the American undergraduate today lies in the all too imminent possibility of war, in the existence of widespread economic insecurity among students themselves, in the systematic restriction of academic freedom, and in the presence of oligarchical industrial and financial groups which attempt to throttle progressive social change.

The members of the Union view with alarm the obvious discriminatory practices of the educational institutions of the country, and note with consternation the progressively increasing Fascist tendencies among the administrations of American colleges and among the controlling groups of American industry. In combatting the dangers of these evils, the American Student Union has shown itself in favor of and has agitated for various socio-economic measures of paramount importance. The enactment of social security legislation is demanded as a means of raising the standard of living of American youth, of providing for it an avenue of employment, and of amelioration of its economic status. The members of the new chapter are firm in their opposition to militarism in education and are agreed to support all legislative measures which would make the R.O.T.C. optional, as a step toward the complete abolition of military training on the campus. They are united in the sponsorship and support of the anti-war strike as a most dramatic, effective, and unmistakable statement of their regard for peace. They object most strenuously to unveiled encroachment upon academic freedom—upon the rights of students and their instructors to think and speak their thoughts without fear of reprisal. They protest most actively against racial quotas and differentials—against intolerance, Jim Crowism, and segregation in our educational institutions. Finally, they assert their independence of all political parties and propose to further the unification of all students in defense of their lives and liberties. With little opportunity for any but organizational achievement this semester, the bulk of the new chapter's activity cannot be said to have actually begun.

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HEALTH SERVICE

The Health Service at Yeshiva expanded this year to such an extent that it now constitutes a continuously operating unit attending to all medical needs of the college men. There are complete facilities not only for the administration of first-aid and for regular medical examinations, but also for constant care of ill students.

The first step in its expansion was the removal of the service from its old quarters in one of the dormitory rooms to its present spacious quarters on the fifth floor. The suite of rooms occupied by the Health Service includes an examination room, an infirmary, and the health office. The infirmary and office are furnished with all the equipment which distinguishes modern hospital service.

Another very important innovation was the institution of a permanent resident in the medical office. Louis Satlow, student head of the Health Service Organization, acts as the representative of the medical staff in the dormitory, and supervises all health activities in the institution. He or one of his assistants is in constant attendance in the infirmary, ministers to those interned there, and meets any medical emergency which may arise.

In order to make immediate attention available to all students in need of medical care, student medical committees have been appointed for each floor of the dormitory. The captains of these committees are Milton H. Elefant, Aaron Kaplan, Julius Dorfman, Israel Laster, and Samuel Fox.

Besides routine activities of the Health Service, regular visits are made twice weekly by the physicians of the medical staff, when students in need of treatment are visited and cared for. All students are privileged to consult with the staff doctors at any time, and many have taken advantage of this opportunity to secure treatment and advice. In many cases students have been under observation for a considerable length of time and several isolation cases of students with contagious diseases were taken care of during the year.

Dr. David A. Swick, Medical Director of Yeshiva College, to whom a great deal of credit is due for the expansion of the Health Service, has disclosed that the state of health of the average Yeshiva man has improved to a marked degree. This he attributes to the much broadened scope of the activity of the Health Service which is now consulted by more men than at any preceding period. Cases such as had previously gone unnoticed have been observed and treated through the improved facilities at the disposal of the committee.

MAIMONIDES HEALTH CLUB

An important activity connected with the Health Service is the Maimonides Health Club, whose purpose is to disseminate a knowledge of the principles of pathology and to make Yeshiva students health conscious. During the past year a number of eminent authorities in various medical fields addressed the members of the club. Among these were: Dr. David Bloom, skin specialist of the Jewish Memorial Hospital, on the Care of the Skin and Scalp; Dr. W. Park Richardson, Medical Director of City College, on the Organization of a College Health Service; and Dr. David A. Swick, Head of the Yeshiva College Health Service and organizer of the club, on Problems of Student Health.

Included among the highlights of the club's activity this season was a debate arranged on the question of the Socialization of Medicine. The Affirmative was upheld by Milton Elefant and Lester Feuerstein, opposed by Norman Goldklang and Leo Levin. Both sides presented very clear and comprehensive analyses of the problem.

The success with which this club has functioned is in a large measure due to the capable leadership of its president, Louis Satlow, and the aid of Aaron Kaplan, its secretary.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The interest of Yeshiva College students in international affairs was reflected this year in the fine turnouts at the regular bi-weekly meetings of the International Relations Club. The continuance of Dr. Margalith, of the department of Political Science, as faculty advisor, the various guest speakers who addressed the club at its many spirited meetings, the active interest on the part of the officers, and the large collection of books received from the Carnegie Endowment were all contributing factors toward making the club a real forum for discussion of contemporary international problems.

At the first meeting of the year, in the early part of November, Dr. H. L. Gordon read before the club his unpublished manuscript dealing with the recorded treaties in history dating back to the year five hundred B.C. Dr. Gordon was kept until one-thirty in the morning answering questions about Sumerian treaties, Mussolini and his policies, and international relations as seen in the Talmud. The enthusiasm displayed by the listeners at this initial meeting augured well for a successful year. At the second meeting of the year, Dr. Alexander Litman, Professor of Philosophy, spoke on Liberalism as a Guide to the Future. After tracing the history of Liberalism in politico-philosophic thought, he insisted that today in spite of the tendency toward extremes, we must consider liberalism as a faith in the ability of organized intelligence to administer society.

At this meeting Simon Noveck, president of the club for the past two years, insisting "that new blood must be injected into the organization," called for the election of officers. Eleazer Goldman was elected president; Nathan Levinson, vice-president; and Harold Polikoff, secretary. At the suggestion of Dr. Margalith, Noveck was unanimously elected G.O.M. (Grand Old Man) and made honorary president of the organization in recognition of his service and leadership during a period of more than two years.

The new officers showed their interest in the organization by inviting Professor Clyde Eagleton, of New York University, as guest lecturer at the next meeting. Professor Eagleton, in discussing the neutrality problem, maintained that the only manner in which the elimination of war can be brought about is by collective action of the non-belligerents through an agency such as the League of Nations.

During the second semester of this year the club was fortunate in having four outside lecturers address its members. Rabbi S. K. Mirsky, of the Teachers Institute, spoke on Sanctions. Doctor Abel, Professor of Sociology at Columbia and Yeshiva, spoke on the internal and external policies of the Hitler regime. Dr. I. Stein, of the American Jewish Committee, addressed the club on the Jewish contributions to German civilization.

On April twenty-ninth, almost one hundred students assembled in the College Social Hall to hear Ludwig Lore, famous foreign correspondent of the New York Post, urge a fight against Fascism through the United Front.

ALUMNI

Revitalized by the energetic class of '35, most recent addition to the ranks of Ex-Yeshiva men, the Alumni Association has once again made itself felt in college affairs. In addition to the moral support, with which they, like all good Yeshiva men, have been rather free, the Yeshiva graduates of former years have acquitted themselves nobly in their undertakings of the past year.

An early testimonial of loyalty in the form of a theatre party was a moral and material success, and our graduates are patting each other's backs, convinced that it was their mid-December sponsorship of a performance of "Winterset" that caused this Drama to be awarded the Dramatic Guild Prize. Without dampening their spirits and disillusioning them on this score, it may be added that the play was enjoyed immensely, and the substantial proceeds that resulted were used for expanding the Jewish Philosophy section of the College Library, fulfilling thereby a long felt need.

More recently the Association has undertaken another project—a huge raffle, the proceeds of which are intended for the purpose of establishing a chair in Contemporary Jewish Problems at Yeshiva. Though the sale of raffle foils will be continued until September 15, it is hoped that plans for the new lectureship will materialize during the Fall semester. This undertaking is a direct result of several discussions that the Alumni curriculum committee held with President Revel in regard to general and Jewish courses.

The Alumni committee, cooperating with student and faculty committees, has also greatly aided in integrating the revised College Catalogue.

Of more immediate interest to a section of the student body is the annual stag dinner, to be held at Trotzky's on the night of June 15, at which time the class to be graduated the following day is officially inducted into Alumni ranks. The usual air of informality will reign at this final meeting of the year and in view of the fact that all would-be orators and other forms of "Nudnicks" will be handicapped by a gag-rule, the main topic of consideration at this dinner will undoubtedly be not the election of officers that will take place, but the comparative merits of stuffed derma (kishka blaz) and steak.

Louis Engelberg and Israel Upbin, both of '32, and Isaac Goldberg, '33 respectively president, vice-president, and secretary of the organization, are confident that the affair this year will be conducted with the usual harmony and good will.

Individually, also, our alumni are pretty much alive. Seventy-six in all, these graduates of Yeshiva are spreading the name of the alma mater far and wide by their accomplishments as teachers and Rabbis and by their records in the many graduate and professional schools of the country. Sixteen of these seventy-six are already busy exhorting the masses from their own pulpits. Twenty-five of our graduates have not tired as yet of Yeshiva walls and are still with us in various capacities ranging from Registrar and Fellows to Yoreh Deah crammers. Of the remaining thirty-five, a great preponderance may be found scattered in the various law, medical and other professional schools. And may we add a hearty "Mazel Tov" to those who have coupled one of the aforementioned noble professions with the noblest of them all—matrimony. "Mazel Tov," indeed, Alumni.

ATHLETICS

YEAR IN SPORTS

The years come and the years go, but only occasionally does one deserve that we stop and take notice of it. The year just completed has been one of the latter, especially in the field of athletics; it has been fuller and more vivid than any in our history. Examining the files of our sport archives, one is inevitably impressed by the development of sport activities. Improvement, advancement, and expansion were the keynotes of a well integrated athletic program. While the rest of the collegiate world was still concerned with football, Yeshiva began training for its own major sport, as always—basketball.

The first tussle of the season was lost to Brooklyn College of Pharmacy by a score of 45-24. Mager, diminutive star forward, ran off with the laurels of the evening by his snappy passwork and effective guarding. Krieger's perfect basket from past mid-court, and Levy's full-court dribble through an entire team to score on an overhead toss were highlights of the game . . . We lost our next few games by small margins to Washington Heights Y.M.H.A., City College Commerce, and Hudson College . . . Hudson just flowed all over us. Coach Manny Kirschewsky lost hair and sleep over our blowing up during the second halves of basketball encounters . . . Oh for some reserves! . . . We seemed destined to romp off with our next encounter, but two consecutive goals plus some rough and tumble playing by Souplos of Commerce tied up the ball game at 15-15. Commerce refused to continue in overtime . . . A moral victory at least . . . The game that definitely put the Blue and White into the winning column was played against Riis Settlement. The combination of Aronoff to Muss was a little too devastating for the East Siders . . . A Jersey cyclone in the shape of the University of Newark blew into town and left destruction and Yeshiva in its wake. When it "waked" up, the home guard discovered a 54-33 defeat staring it in the face . . . The Yeshiva followed this encounter by travelling out to Paterson College in New Jersey where they dropped a hotly contested match to the boys across the river. Bodner, of the opposition, ran up twenty-two points to be high-scorer for the evening . . . Two outstanding triumphs dispelled the gloom of steady defeat . . . The first was over the highly touted Central Jewish Institute courtmen. Krieger's spectacular playing left the spectators breathless. (The girl friend was rooting for him.) He scored a freak shot in the closing seconds to clinch the game for good Ol' Yeshiva. Note: Yeshiva tallied eight times in one minute of the third quarter . . . N.Y.U. of Washington Square was the next to fall. Rallying in the second quarter, the home courtsters piled up an imposing lead. Maxie Levy, veteran guard, banked 15 scores against the Violets, breaking into his somewhat delayed scoring stride.

While the Varsity was taking them on from all sides in a twenty game schedule, the homefires were kept burning by the intramural league and the Jayvee quintet. . . . The interclass competition was drawn out for six months, during which the Sophs rose from the cellar to the championship . . . The Jayvee, embarking upon its initial campaign, managed to attain a relative success, though it piled up no imposing record. Most of its encounters were played against the various Young Israel and Jewish Center fives . . .

The advent of spring brought the flowers, the birds, and the green grass . . . also softball and tennis . . . The softball intramurals are as universally popular as always, though Pluvius has been doing his "darndest" to disrupt the schedule. Trouble is, these games never seem to end. Every score runs into double figures.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

This past season in basketball has seen a consistent improvement in both the effectiveness of the Varsity and in the calibre of the opposition it faced. The schedule for the year just closed included such teams as Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, N. Y. U. Law, N. Y. U. School of Physical Education, N. Y. U. Washington Square College, Hudson College, Jersey State Teachers College, and University of Newark.

In spite of numerous losses, the showing of the team was a commendable one. Handicapped as always by lack of time for practice and by insufficient reserve material, and facing a stronger schedule than ever before, Yeshiva nevertheless brought the season to a rather successful close. Especially encouraging was the interest taken by the student body in the activities of the team. The crowds of spectators which packed the gym for every home game was an important contributing factor in creating an inspiring team spirit.

The Yeshiva squad consisted of the veterans Hy Aronoff, Captain, Max Levy, Lou Muss, Moe Krieger, Sonny Eisenberg, Elihu Kasten, Julie Mager, Normie Goldklang, and the reserves Artie Friedberg, Artie Cohen, Milt Tittlebaum and Al Kolatch.

The most formidable opponent to face Yeshiva during the season was the University of Newark, a team which had been highly touted for its sparkling performance against the L. I. U. quintet. Yeshiva startled both its rooters and its rivals with a surprisingly fine defense in the first half. The confident visitors found the home team a stubborn lot, who displayed great strength and effective resistance. It was a nip and tuck battle, with the lead constantly changing hands.

The most notable of Yeshiva's victories were those against the much lauded squads of Central Jewish Institute and N. Y. U. Washington Square. The former game was marked by the teamwork among the varsity and the smooth execution of intricate plays despite the handicap of an unfamiliar court. Yeshiva, overcoming a 6-0 handicap by three consecutive baskets, fought to match its opponents point for point, and brought the half to a close with the score deadlocked 16-16. The second half was even more tense, and after continued scoring by both sides, Yeshiva gained a lead of a scant one point which it successfully protected against the unyielding offensive of Central Jewish Institute. With seconds left to play, Krieger sank a beautiful basket from the corner of the court, making the final score 31-28.

Outstanding among the individual contributors to the team's performance was Hy Aronoff, captain of the Varsity and high scorer. Coach Manny Krischewsky aided greatly in molding the Varsity and achieved fine results in an amazingly short time. Credit should also be given to Aaron Kaplan '37, Kal Levitan '37, Bill Kaufman '36, Mike Hurewitz '36, Isaac Rose '38, Paul Burstein '39, and Herzl Freed '39 for the valuable assistance they gave on many occasions and in many capacities.

Four veterans, all of whom have been on the squad during their entire four year stay at Yeshiva, will be lost to the team through graduation. These men are Hy Aronoff, Lou Muss, Elihu Kasten and Moe Krieger. Their places will be filled from among the members of this year's Junior Varsity.

Elihu Kasten, retiring Athletic Manager, has announced that the basketball schedule for next year is almost complete, and promises opposition far more difficult than any Yeshiva team has yet faced.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SWEET PICKINGS: Hy Aronoff, captain of the varsity, has been hired as Basketball coach for this summer by Camp Machanaim.

GOIN' HIGH-HAT: Max Levy, captain-elect of the varsity, will join Bender, Kramer, Schwartz and Merson to represent the Grossinger Hotel Five. His colleagues are all members of the Long Island University Varsity, virtual inter-collegiate champs.

CUT IT OUT!: Lou Muss will forsake cutting on the basketball court for cutting on the human anatomy . . . If they accept him.

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME: The most consistent rooter of Yeshiva is a female. She is none other than Jenny (Duffy) S., heart throb of the dependable (?) score-keeper, Marvin Hurewitz.

CAN THEY DISH IT OUT: Sonny Eisenberg and Itzie Zolt were accepted as waiters at a famous Adult Camp which has been dubbed the "Shadchan's Paradise." Will they remain "one of the boys?"

WHO IS SYLVIA? WHAT IS SHE?: Moe Krieger will retire to the Adirondacks to complete his newest literary masterpiece entitled, "Romantic Epistles to Sylvia."

PEDDLE YOUR WARES: Willie Goldklang, the left handed pivot man, will employ right handed methods in selling anything and everything for his father.

POST GRADUATE WORK: Those interested in registering for a course in "Methods and Technique in Serving and Waiting" should see Prof. David Mintz, c o Goldstein's Hotel. The summer resort made famous by the reputed Mrs. Kulok will be used as the observation and demonstration school.

JAYVEE BASKET BALL

The Jayvee Basketball team was this year's outstanding innovation in Yeshiva athletics. This team, which was organized originally to train men for future court Varsities, proved one of the most interesting features of the season.

True, faltering play and occasionally even sloppiness on the court resulted in a mere .500 percentage in the win column. But this can be attributed to lack of practice more than anything else, and, as a whole, as the first season's play of a new team, it was successful.

The schedule included games with the Vega A. C. of the Bronx, the Jarvis A. C. of C. J. I., Talmudical Academy, Young Israel of Flatbush, and Young Israel of East Flatbush.

Those who have been awarded minor letters from Student Council as members of this year's Junior Varsity are: Nathan Lipschutz '38 (Captain), Aaron Gold '38, Herbert Ribner '38, Irving Ribner '37, Myron Saal '38, Lawrence Charney '38, and Irving Stern '37.

The auspicious début of this team is in a large measure due to the efforts of Aaron Kaplan, director of intramural athletics, who served as manager of the squad. He has already arranged a tentative schedule for the season of 1936-37 which calls for ten games with various Junior Varsities and High School teams.

INTRAMURALS

Fashioning the intramural basketball tournament after the highly successful system used in other colleges, Elihu Kasten '36, athletic manager, drafted the half-period mode of competition into play at the Yeshiva court. Needless to say, it caused more widespread interest in the interclass league than ever before.

The first-half flag was copped by the Seniors who ended their season in an unbroken chain of victories. Jason Dlugach and Moe Feuerstein were the mainstays of the upper class squad. The Sophomore five, odd enough, finished in the cellar,—losing every game they played.

The second half of the tournament, however, saw a revamped yearling quintet. The boys of '38, aided and abetted by "Red" Newman, defeated the champion Senior cagers on two occasions, and easily ran away with the other scheduled games. Their capture of the second-half honors gave them an opportunity to meet the Seniors for the championship of the school.

The playoffs were extended to three games. The lower termers took the opener from the "alumni-to-be" largely on the fiery offensive barrages of Newman and Co. The Seniors, not to be outdone, came back during the next fray and gave the Sophomore quintet its first setback of the new season. A last period rally by Iz Marine and Moe Feuerstein netted an outstanding 21-16 victory for the upper classmen. The final engagement of the series was won by the lower termers. Gaining a lead in the first stanza, the Sophomore five were thereafter never headed. The game was by no means a runaway. Intermittent goals by the team of '36 kept the game in the running. The upper classmen weakened, however, in the last few minutes of play, and the yearlings capitalized with a rally of goals. The game, tournament, and championship ended with an 18-7 victory for the Sophomore cagers.

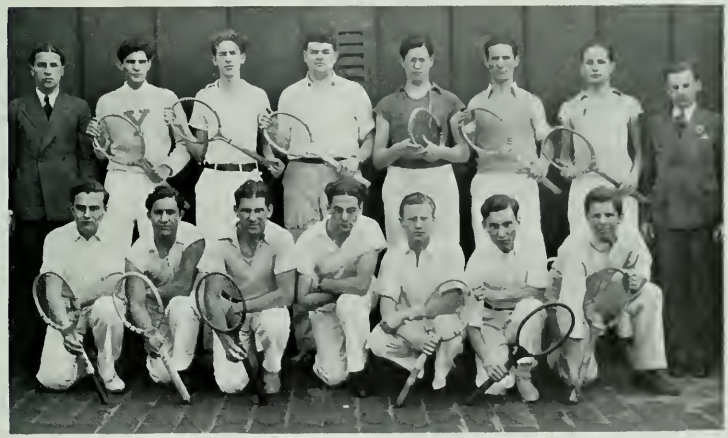
TENNIS TEAM

After the high hopes and aspirations which led to the formation of the embryo of a Yeshiva Tennis Team last year, the slowness with which it crept into action this year was deplorable. The lack of a captain to take command, and the resulting confusion and delays were strongly evident in the showing of the team in its first matches and practices. There was neither coach, captain, manager, nor schedule· progress was made only because of the enthusiasm of the individuals on the squad for the art of gamboling on the green.

The small group which appeared for the tryouts was characterized more by its spirit than by its finesse on the courts. But consistent practice, partly sponsored by Student Council, made for great changes, and after a few weeks symptoms of finesse were noticeable.

The single intercollegiate match scheduled for the team thus far was with Brooklyn College on May 15th, and turned out to be a 6-0 rout. This is not to the discredit of the team since this was a pretty stiff dose to take as a first match of the season. The match was successful, however, in showing what lack of proper coaching and practice can do to a tennis team.

The Tennis team consisted of the following: Lester Feuerstein, Louis Muss, Seymour Kornfeld, Norman Goldklang, Lawrence Charney, Wolfe Charney, and Av Greenberg. Seymour Kornfeld served as captain of the team this year, and Lou Muss as manager.



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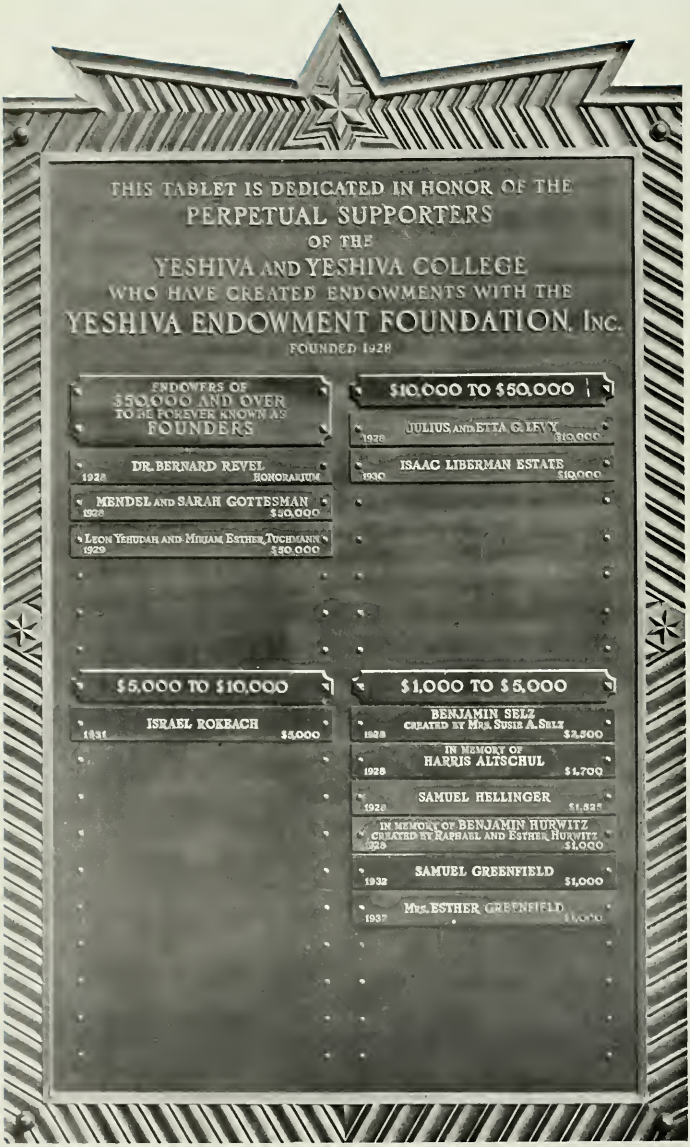
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